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A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The Hongkong Schools annual athletic sports were held in favourable conditions on the Race Course at Happy Valley last evening. As usual at this popular event, there was an extremely large number of spectators, who witnessed some excellent racing. The feature of the meeting was the brilliant success of Johnson (St. Joseph's College), who carried off all the principal Senior events, and easily won the Senior Championship gold medal. The inter-College team race, for which nine teams competed, was again won by St. Joseph's College by several lengths. The Junior Championship was also carried off by a St. Joseph's boy, D. Braga, and altogether the meeting was a triumph for that College.

Messrs. W. H. Viveash and C. Mycock were the Hon. Secretaries, and the arrangements made left little to be desired. There were no delays, and the programme of events was expeditiously carried out. The other officials were:—

General Committee:—Rev. Bro. Alphonsus, Messrs. R. C. Barlow, R. E. O. Bird, F. A. Britton, Rev. Bro. Cornelius, A. H. Crook, E. J. Edwards, Rev. W. T. Featherstone, J. C. Fletcher, L. Forster, A. W. Grant, A. Hamilton, G. A. Hewitt, A. Hughes, B. James, W. Kay, A. Morris, Rev. Bro. Paul, G. Perkins, J. Ralston, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Rev. C. B. Shann, R. G. Southerton, Rev. A. D. Stewart, E. G. Stuart, H. Sykes, B. Tanner, A. Viveash, and A. Williams.

Reception Committee:—Messrs. J. C. Fletcher, A. Morris, and W. Kay; Competitors' Committee: Mr. R. C. Barlow, Rev. Bro. Alphonsus, and Rev. A. D. Stewart. Handicappers:—Messrs. H. Sykes, and R. C. Barlow; Clerks of the Course: Mr. A. Viveash, Rev. Bro. Paul, Mr. J. Ralston, Mr. L. Forster, Rev. W. T. Featherstone, and Mr. A. Williams. Starters: Messrs. H. Sykes, E. G. Stewart, A. Hamilton, A. H. Crook, Rev. W. W. Rogers, and Mr. G. Perkins; Judges: Messrs. R. E. O. Bird, Rev. Bro. Cornelius, E. J. Edwards, R. G. Southerton, F. A. Britton, B. Tanner, Rev. C. B. Shann, B. James, G. A. Hewitt, A. Hughes; Official Time Keepers: Messrs. S. R. Moore, and A. W. Grant.

The results were as follow:—

Long jump (Senior Championship)—1, H. Johnson; 2, Young Kam-chiu; 3, Wong Chak-heung.

120 yards flat, boys under 10—1, Lam To-man; 2, H. E. Abbas; 3, G. Mahomed. 440 yards flat, Chinese boys under 19—1, Young Kam-chiu; 2, Chan Ping-kwai; 3, Chan Ho.

High Jump (Junior Championship)—1, Chung Uk-kong; 2, D. C. Braga. Height, 4ft. 7in.

300 yards flat (Senior Championship)—1, R. M. Omar; 2, Wong Chak-heung; 3, Ngai Sai-kin. Time, 55secs.

One mile cycle—1, A. Abbas; 2, Soares; 3, Ip Hung. Time, 3mi. 40secs.

Half-mile flat (Civil Service Challenge Cup)—1, H. Johnson; 2, R. M. Omar; 3, A. K. Fattad. Time, 2min. 27secs.

100 yards flat, boys under 10—1, C. Morton; 2, E. Coy; 3, A. Doan. 220 yards flat (Junior Championship)—1, D. Braga; 2, L. A. Gutierrez; 3, Ohtsuka. Time, 26 3/5secs.

120 yards flat, boys under 14—1, Lam To-man; 2, Ip Chuen; 3, Cheung Kin-fong.

High jump (Senior Championship)—1, Wong Chak-heung; 2, H. Johnson. Height, 4ft. 11in.

100 yards flat, girls under 10—1, Patricia Remedios; 2, Paulina Vieira; 3, Mabel Blackman.

100 yards flat, girls over 10—1, Lydia Stoneham; 2, Ruby Young; 3, Suzanne Weill.

120 yards hurdle (Junior Championship)—1, Cheung Uk-kong; 2, Ohtsuka; 3, Wu Hang Hin. Time, 21 secs.

120 yards hurdle (Senior Championship)—1, H. Johnson; 2, Wong Chak-heung; 3, Young Kam-chiu. Time, 17secs.

100 yards skipping—1, P. Vieira; 2, Ruby Young; 3, Rose White.

300 yards flat, Chinese boys under 10—1, Chiu Wai-yau; 2, Ngai Sai-kin; 3, Cheung Mang-hung.

50 yards flat, open to all comers under seven—1, Ismail; 2, T. Hamid; 3, Usuf.

Sack race, boys under 19—1, Young Kam-chiu; 2, Shiu Kwai-shang; 3, Chu Shiu-teng.

220 yards flat, boys of British parentage, under 19—1, W. Mason; 2, R. Bentley; 3, W. Taylor.

100 yards flat, girls of British parentage—1, Lydia Stoneham; 2, Nellie Purden; 3, Mary Hyde.

Quarter-mile flat (Ellis Kadoorie Challenge Cup)—1, H. Johnson; 2, R. M. Omar; 3, Wong Tat-leung. Time, 57secs.

Seven furlongs flat—1, Silva; 2, S. A. Hamid. Time, 4min. 43 4/5secs.

100 yards three-legged, boys under 10—1, H. Johnson and R. M. Omar; 2, A. Razack and D. E. Braga; 3, Wong Wing-pak and Li Lai-ai.

Two miles cycle—1, Moyhing; 2, Brown.

Team Race—St. Joseph's College (A. Goldenberg, Captain, L. Xavier, V. Xavier, H. Johnson, D. O'Connell, Chek Wan, F. Prouchandy, and B. Omar).

At the close of the racing, His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry May) presented the prizes, and also handed St. Paul's College the Cup for the Junior School Football League. His Excellency congratulated St. Joseph's College on their remarkable success this year. He hoped some other school would step forward next year and break St. Joseph's record. (Applause.)

At the call of Mr. W. H. Viveash, hearty cheers were raised for H.E. the Governor and Lady May.

HONGKONG TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

LATEST RESULTS.

The following are the results of the games played last evening:—

Handicap Singles, "A" class—Major Crisp (owes 2/6) beat L. le Breton (scratch), 3-6, 9-7, 6-0. H. A. Nisbet (owes 30/2) beat L. N. Murphy (owes 3/6), 6-3, 10-8.

Handicap Singles, "B" class—M. Maas (receives 2/6) beat Trafford (owes 2/6), 6-0, 6-1. C. Beswick (receives 3/6) beat H. H. Taylor (owes 1/6), 6-4, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles—Miss Long and S. E. Green (owe 4/6) beat Mrs. MacFarlane and P. P. Wodehouse (receive 1/6), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. Mrs. Beavis and C. E. H. Beavis (scratch) beat Mrs. Arthur and St. Amory (owe 1/6) 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

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Mr. Eldon Potter 1 down
Mr. R. O. Hutchison 1
Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson 1
Mr. R. Sutherland 2
Mr. H. I. Jones 2
Mr. K. Braysday 2
Mr. H. P. Winslow 2
Mr. G. C. Moxon 3
Mr. C. D. Martyn 3
Mr. A. C. Leith 4
Mr. D. G. Bruce 5
Mr. A. Mackenzie 5
* Wins Cup.

POOL.
*Mr. C. D. Martyn All square
Mr. T. W. Hill 1 down
Mr. G. N. Orme 1
Mr. Eldon Potter 1
Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson 1
Mr. A. H. Crew 1
Mr. H. P. Winslow 1
Mr. Bulmer Johnson 2
Mr. G. C. Moxon 3
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FAN-LING RUNNING POOL.

MARCH, 1915.
(Handicap of 10 or under.)
Mr. H. Handley Pegg 88-10 78
Mr. A. B. Purves 91-10 81
Mr. A. Ritchie 86-4 82
33 Entries.
(Handicap of 11 or over.)
Mr. F. H. Kales 82-15 72
Mr. P. J. Wodehouse 89-15 73
Mr. G. R. Sayer 92-16 81
Mr. C. W. Beswick 101-18 83
Mr. G. C. Moxon 102-18 84
Hon. Mr. C. Severn 98-15 84
Hon. Mr. D. Landale 101-15 84
71 Entries.

CAPTAIN'S CUP AND POOL.

APRIL, 1915.
(Played over Happy Valley 2nd, 3rd and 4th April.)

CUP.
Mr. John A. Gray 87-13 74
Mr. H. G. Hegarty 92-16 76
Mr. J. D. Kinnaird 86-7 79
Mr. C. Beswick 97 18 79
Mr. B. D. F. Beith 94-14 80
Mr. John Duncan 98-18 80
Mr. K. M. Cumming 81-Scr. 81
Mr. A. F. Perry 93-14 82
Com. H. C. R. Boucher 88-5 83
Mr. D. G. Bruce 102-18 84
Mr. A. Hardman 99-14 85
Mr. J. Hooper 85-10 85
Mr. L. C. Parker 104-18 86
71 Entries.

POOL.
Mr. John A. Gray 87-13 74
Lieut. F. L. Roupell 83-7 76
Mr. J. D. Kinnaird 86-7 79
Mr. B. D. F. Beith 94-14 80
Mr. John Duncan 98-18 80
Mr. H. G. Hegarty 88-10 82
Mr. D. G. Bruce 102-18 84
Mr. A. Hardman 99-14 85
Mrs. J. Hooper 85-10 85
40 Entries.

HANDICAPS.

Mr. C. D. Martyn 5
Lieut. F. L. Roupell 6
Mr. John A. Gray 8
Mr. H. Handley Pegg 8
Mr. F. H. Kales 10
Mr. P. J. Wodehouse 11
Mr. John Rodger (junior) 12
Mr. H. P. Winslow 12
Mr. D. G. Bruce 14
Mr. G. R. Sayer 15
Mr. C. Beswick 15
Mr. H. G. Hegarty 16
Mr. G. C. Moxon 16
Mr. J. F. Van Rens 17
Mr. John Duncan 18
Mr. T. Petrie 18
Mr. L. Gull 18
Mr. T. Ramsey 19
Sir W. Rees Davies 20
Mr. R. C. Morton 20
Mr. Somerville P. B. Russell 24

LADIES' HANDICAPS.

Revised 15th April, 1915.

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Mrs. Delamhor 2
Miss Kelly 4
Mrs. K. S. Morrison 6
Mrs. Moxon and Miss Cunningham 7
Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Milner Jones and Mrs. J. W. Stewart 9
Miss Wilkison 10
Miss M. Rodger 12
Mrs. H. T. C. Ivens 13
Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. G. P. Turner 14
Miss Mackenzie 16
Mrs. T. E. Pearce 17
Mrs. Gibson 18
Mrs. H. Hancock, Mrs. Nowall, Mrs. Colbourne Little, Mrs. Harston, Mrs. J. W. Taylor and Mrs. H. C. R. Doucher 20
Mrs. Boswick and Miss D. Rodger 22
Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. R. D. Harvey and Mrs. Pyno 24
Mrs. Carleton, Mrs. R. C. Martin, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Alex. Gordon, Mrs. Bullin, Miss Caldwell, Miss Hastings and Mrs. Shenton 26
Mrs. James, Miss D. Gordon, and Mrs. Kent 28
Mrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mrs. Hickman, Mrs. Landale, Mrs. Greaves, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. John Rodgers, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Moberley, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Craddock, Mrs. Boyis and Miss Craddock 30
Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mrs. N. L. Smith, Mrs. Ram 30
Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. A. E. Davey, Mrs. Herbert Griffin, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Rayner, Mrs. R. Hancock, Miss Lammer, Mrs. Cromie, Mrs. H. W. Bird, Mrs. McElderry, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. J. Hooper, Mrs. Morton Smith, Mrs. Spielman, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Lempdon, Mrs. C. D. Lambert, Mrs. Merr, Mrs. W. H. Fleming and Miss Jessie Rodgers 36

CHINA AND TIBET AT WAR.

A Delhi dispatch, dated March 20th, says:—Traders who have arrived in India from Tibet state that the peace proposals recently made by the Government have been rejected by the Lhasa authorities and hostilities have recommenced. The Tibetans losing rather heavily in the opening engagements. Reinforcements are being sent to the province of Kham and recruiting is proceeding in the provinces of Lhasa and Gyantse. When the disturbances recently arose among the Chinese forces near Tachien, the rebels were helped by Tibetans.—*Madras Times.*

THE VOLUNTEER RESERVES

ORDERS BY MAJOR WAKEMAN, O.C.H.K.V.R.

JOINED.
1.—Pte. D. Jackson joined the Corps on 19th April, allotted Corps No. 1802 and posted to Scouts Company.

LEAVE.
2.—The undermentioned are granted leave of absence as follows:—
Pte. F. W. Gibbins from 17th April, 1915, to 17th June, 1915.
Pte. E. Newhouse from 1st May, 1915, to 1st February, 1916.

PARADES.
3.—Parades for to-day (Tuesday). Right and Centre Sections M. G. Co. and Civil Service Co.—under Officers on duty.

5.00 p.m. Civil Service Co.—Table "C" M. G. Co.—on Kennedy Road Range.

5.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery Battery and Left Section M. G. Co. 10 pdr. drill with mules at Headquarters.

5.30 p.m. Scouts Co.—Company Drill Skirmishing at Happy Valley (or Polo ground). Fall in on road between Law Courts and City Hall at 5.15 p.m. and proceed by special train.

10. P.M. GUN PRACTICE ON 24th APRIL, 1915.

4.—The following members of the Signalling Section will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday, 24th April, at 10.45 a.m. under Corpl. Silas. Waterbottles and Haversacks to be carried. Sandwiches will be supplied at Headquarters.—Privates

A. A. Abbas, C. H. Chavos, A. de Luz, P. A. Rois, R. L. Rocha, U. Santos, A. Garcia, P. J. Jennings, A. G. Jacobs, W. R. Wilkinson, C. Cotton, J. V. Gomez and F. A. Rois.

The following members will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday, 24th April, at 12.45 p.m. under Sergt. Blair. Waterbottles and Haversacks to be carried. Sandwiches will be supplied at Headquarters:—

Lo. Cpl. Laurence, Ptes. Hidden, Rodrigues, Hurle, A. Young, N. W. Ramsay and A. M. Costa.

DETAIL.
5.—Units on duty: No. 2 Section Artillery Battery, Right and Centre Sections M. G. Co. and Civil Service Co.

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Orderly Officer: Lieut. A. E. Wright. Orderly Sergeant: Corpl. W. Brown.

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NOTICE.

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

An interesting little story is told of a "suspect" who came under the notice of the authorities in Hongkong quite recently. His name, he declared, was Fritz, but he was unmistakably a Chinaman. He had been to Singapore, but the authorities there being, I suppose, naturally suspicious of anyone bearing the name of "Fritz," but not being sufficiently satisfied that he was a fit subject for the enemy concentration camp, huddled him off to Hongkong. "Fritz" for some little time was a mystery to the authorities here. He spoke a Chinese dialect not understood in South China, but, finally, his story was unravelled. He was an ignorant and dull-witted pedlar belonging to some out-of-the-world village in Shantung. Just about the time the war broke out he had wandered into Tsingtao, where there were many Fankwaes. What their nationality was he did not know, and whether Tsingtao belonged to China, Japan, Germany or Patagonia was quite outside the range of his knowledge. All he knew was that some sixty Chinamen were put by the Fankwaes to dig trenches, and they gave to each man a strange name. To him was given the name of "Fritz," and if he did not promptly respond to the call of "Fritz" he was kicked and beaten by his taskmasters. In this way it had been so effectively impressed upon him that his name was "Fritz" that he had since never hesitated to say so when a foreigner inquired. The end of the story is that this poor frightened Chinaman was assisted by private benevolence to return to his native place, where he may resume the name given to him at his birth without fear of being kicked for not responding to the call of "Fritz." This act of charity, let us hope, assisted him to understand that there is a difference between the Englishman and the German.

I am asked what is the cause of the recent big fall in the discount on subsidiary coin. The vagaries of the exchange rate on this coin is something which no ordinary man can understand. Ask the Guild of Money-Changers. In view of the fact that the Hongkong Government had withdrawn from circulation down to the end of last year something like 1½ million dollars worth of small coin—plus, I suppose, a considerable sum since then—nobody could have expected to see the discount rate on this coin jump up from about 6 per cent. to nearly 20 per cent. Why that should have occurred is no more obvious to the man-in-the-street than is the reason for the drop in the discount by about 8 per cent. during the past few weeks. It is to be hoped that the Colonial Government took advantage of the occasion when the discount rate stood at something like 20 per cent. to purchase a few tons; but, unfortunately, there is no reason for believing that anything of the sort occurred, as there has been no money available apparently for such a purpose. Evidently there is some general cause for the drop in the discount rate on sub-coin, as the rate on Chinese coin has dropped also, though not to the same extent as that on Hongkong coin, which stands at about 3 per cent. better than Chinese coin. The only reason I have heard suggested for the drop is the prospect of a revival of gambling monopolies in the neighbouring province, but in view of the influential opposition to this proposal which exists, I should say the prospect is a very shadowy one indeed.

If the money derived from the owners of dogs which are independent enough to walk abroad, alone and without a muzzle, was devoted to, say, a War Fund, quite a handsome sum would be realized. Each week many owners of dogs are mulcted in \$5 at the Magistracy. It is quite a simple affair. Master sleeps, or goes out, leaves dog free—muzzle having been removed. Dog, possessing intelligence, also leaves the house happy in newfound liberty. Also a P.C. interrupts the latter's constitutional—master receives a constabulary announcement; and then \$5, without option. Of course, the dogs may have a little smile on their own at the idea of this lavish expenditure on their behalf, while on the other hand, they may feel sore for days as a result of duly executed revenge. No doubt the facial adornment of dogs on which the Police regulations insist is most necessary, but why should the pampered Poms be favoured? I have seen these ugly little things swanking along in front of a muzzled "bull" in a most aggravatingly muzzled manner. Thus, while not objecting to the weekly subscriptions—no doubt they relieve financial pressure somewhere—I do think that Robert should stalk his canine game without fear or favour. "Love me love my dog" is a tag which may weigh heavily with young and impressionable constables, but "duty first, my lads."

There are surely few animals on earth more obstinate and pig-headed than mules, and certain members of the local Volunteer force could dilate on the subject at great length. They will tell you that if you desire a mule to go to the left you must adopt the opposite of conventional methods, and a very fair result will be obtained. Also, if you are ordered to saddle, whisper to the mule to lie down; then he will remain standing and everything will be all right. These are minor peculiarities. Mules are also slow to make friends, and before they fully appreciate the sympathetic attentions of their inexperienced masters they have been known to launch out with very impressive hind legs and hoofs. A repetition of these performances led one injured Non-Comm. to suggest that lathings of mules should be despatched to Belgium and ordered to charge a stern. However this may be, a week's training together has produced a real understanding between man and beast, casualties have been few and slight in the process, and the mules, though remaining quite unconventional, do possess a certain amount of real savvy. They never kick at corn.

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AT THE MAGISTRACY.

SHARP SENTENCE ON A SNATCH-THIEF.

The snatch-thief has again come to the fore. One of his fraternity snatched a gold watch-brooch which a married lady, Mrs. R. Fajardo, was wearing in Queen's Road, and made off. He was seen by others, and was chased, and eventually captured; but he had apparently thrown the brooch away, as it could not be found. The man was sentenced to three months' hard labour at the Magistracy yesterday.

THEFT OF SHUTTERS.

In a case in which a coolie was charged with the larceny of two shop-window shutters, the complainant told the Court that he engaged the defendant to assist him, in taking the shutters down, and defendant bolted off with them. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks was passed.

A VAGRANT AND HIS EFFECTS.

Inspector McDonald charged with vagrancy Emanuel Sequeira, who has a record of 18 previous convictions. It was proved that the defendant annoyed people coming to and from the Catholic Cathedral in Caine Road, and the Magistrate ordered him to be taken to the house of detention. Defendant expressed a wish to go, but said he would like the police to accompany him and secure his effects. Inspector McDonald said he would be only too pleased to do so, but he would not like to store the effects. Defendant, in reply to the Magistrate, said his effects consisted of "a mat and other articles." Inspector McDonald said defendant shared a mat with a Chinese mendicant in Gutzlaff Street, a well-known beggars' haunt. He also pointed out that defendant was allowed to leave the house of detention every day to look after his affairs.

EXPEDITIOUS.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before Mr. Justice Hazeland, a Chinese named Li Cheong was indicted for robbery with violence.

In answer to the charge, prisoner said—I did rob. It is no use my saying I didn't when I am charged with doing it. This was taken by his lordship as a plea of guilty.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. P. H. Hodgson) said that this was a very serious offence. On the 10th March, between 8 and 9 p.m. the prisoner, apparently with others, attacked the complainant, who was an assistant in Messrs. Watson & Co.'s aerated water factory, on the road while he was riding in a ricksha. Pepper was thrown into the eyes of the ricksha coolie, and he was knocked down. They then assaulted the complainant, who was powerless against five desperate men, and took from him everything of value that he had, including a \$10 note, a gold watch and chain, and several articles of gold jewellery, a note-book, etc. The men had evidently gone there with the intention of waylaying the complainant and robbing him.

His lordship agreed that it was a bad case, and sentenced the man to ten years' hard labour, and to receive 12 strokes with the "cat."

The case was disposed of in about five minutes.

GIFTS FOR THE TROOPS.

THANKS TO BRITISH WOMEN
OF CANTON.

Mrs. Herbert Dent, of Shamoon, Canton, sends us for publication the following acknowledgment of two boxes of gifts sent from Canton to the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild:

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD,
PRIORY COURT,
ST. JAMES' PALACE, S.W.,
11th March, 1915.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge the safe arrival of the two boxes from Canton, and am glad to think that they have escaped the fate of your first consignment. I am commanded by Her Majesty to convey her grateful thanks to the British women of Shamoon, who have come forward to help her in so generous a manner. Her Majesty deeply appreciates the feeling of sympathy and loyalty and affection for her and England's cause, which has prompted these gifts.

I am sending the Nightingales, Night-shirts and Sleeping Socks to an Entente Hospital in France, as we have had urgent appeals for these things. The Splints, etc., are going to our own wounded.

I can assure you that all the things you have sent have been invaluable, as the demands for hospitals, I am sorry to say, are increasing very much. Yours truly,
(Sd.) ANNE LAWLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

* One box of things was sent by the Tribes, which was sunk by the Emden at Minocoy.

THE CIGARETTE AND
TOBACCO FUND.ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF
HONGKONG GIFTS.

The latest subscriptions to the Cigarette and Tobacco Fund for the Allied Forces at the front bring up the total to \$4,328.39. Of this sum \$3,798.07 has been expended, leaving on the 17th inst. a balance in hand of \$527.72. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. Geo. J. B. Sayer, of 19, Queen's Road Central) writes that the balance in hand is not sufficient to cover a further consignment. As several numbered lists are still out, he asks those who hold them to kindly return them, so that they can be written off. Further subscriptions will be thankfully received to enable the Committee to keep the supplies going to the Front during the war. The contributors to the Fund will be pleased to know that several acknowledgments have been received from the Front. We have room only for the following, which will suffice to show how much the men at the Front appreciate these little attentions from the distant parts of the world:—

France.—On Field Service.
12th March, 1915.

From Lt.-Col. Commanding K.S.L.

Very many thanks for the case of Cigarettes presented by the people of Hongkong for the men of my Regiment which are greatly appreciated by them. A number of the men serving now for the period of this war served in Hongkong with the 1st Battalion of that Regiment, and assisted in the Plague operations of 1894 and received the silver medal so generously bestowed on them by the Hongkong Community. Again thanking the Hongkong Community for their great kindness in sending these comforts to the men who are now fighting gallantly under very trying circumstances for the honour of the Empire.

B.E.F.
12th March, 1915.
From Officer Commanding
1st Bn. Rifle Brigade.

I have to acknowledge with very many thanks, Tobacco and Cigarettes which were presented by the friends at Hongkong. They are luxuries which are much appreciated by the men who are grateful to the kind friends in all parts of the world who look after their comfort in this way.

Active Service.
12th March, 1915.

From Sergt. E. Gallagher,
"7" Platoon "B" Coy. 3rd Bn. Rifle

VI. Division B.E.F.

DEAR SIR,—It is with the greatest pleasure that I send these few lines of thanks to you and your friends in Hongkong for their great kindness and generosity in sending us such a nice supply of Cigarettes which we received yesterday. They came in extraordinarily handy, as I think that almost all our men had completely exhausted their own stock and were wondering what they were going to do for a smoke when your supply arrived. As long as we get hold of a smoke we are as cheerful as can be, and are always ready to do our best on behalf of the old Country and keep the Flag of Freedom flying. I may say we are all expecting to have some work to do shortly or as soon as the weather improves, and the sooner we make a start the better we shall like it; as it will be a change from Trench work and nothing will please us more than to give the enemy what they deserve and which we mean to give them. As regards food, the men get splendidly looked after and have no cause to grumble whatever over their rations, and we get supplied with Tobacco and Cigarettes weekly but it is not sufficient and if our friends in the old Country and the Colonies did not look after our welfare in the manner they are, I do not know how we should manage at times. Once again thanking you on behalf of my Platoon for your splendid gift,—I am, Sir, Yours sincerely,

10th March, 1915.
From Major Commanding, 1st D.C.L.I.

I beg to thank you on behalf of the men for the gift which was very acceptable and has given much pleasure. The men greatly appreciate such a welcome gift.

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HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING of the Season will be held at HAPPY VALLEY TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 21st April, 1915, commencing at 3.45 P.M. The Charge of Admission will be \$1 for others than Members of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB or GYMKHANA CLUB. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half-Price. The Committee invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. Hongkong, 19th April, 1915. [510]

THE TEBONG RUBBER AND TAPIOCA ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of May, 1915, at 4 P.M. at No. 10, Canton Road, Shanghai. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 25th May, 1915, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors. J. A. WATLIE & Co., Ltd., Secretaries and General Managers. [520]

THE TEBONG RUBBER AND TAPIOCA ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the TEBONG RUBBER AND TAPIOCA ESTATE, LIMITED, will be held at 10, Canton Road, Shanghai, on the 28th day of May, 1915, at 4.15 P.M. in the afternoon, for the purpose of (1) considering and if thought fit approving the draft new Articles which will be submitted to the Meeting and in the event of the approval thereof with or without modifications (2) considering and if thought fit approving a Resolution, to the effect that the new Articles already approved by the Meeting and for the purpose of "thereof, be and the same are hereby approved and that such regulations be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof. A copy of the proposed new Articles may be seen at the Company's Head Office. Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for a confirmation of the Special Resolution to a confirmation of the Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting and such Meeting will be held on the 11th day of June, 1915, at the same time and place for the purpose of considering and if thought fit approving such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly. The TRANSFER BOOKS and Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st day of May, to the Twenty-Eighth day of May, 1915, both days inclusive. Dated the 14th day of April, 1915. By Order of the Directors. J. A. WATLIE & Co., Ltd., Secretaries and General Managers. [521]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENAVON," FROM HULL, MIDDELSBROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from thence delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 31st May, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst., at 11 A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 19th April, 1915. [522]

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having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 5 P.M. the 20th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Hongkong, 19th April, 1915. [523]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 24th April, 1915, at 12.30 P.M., at the Offices of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB, on the Ground Floor of the HONGKONG CLUB ANNEXE, Chater Road. By Order, T. F. ROUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 19th April, 1915. [524]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, the 26th April, 1915, at 4 o'clock P.M. precisely, in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM (CITY HALL), for the following purposes:— (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1914. (2) To elect a new Committee. (3) To transact any General Business. By Order, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary. Hongkong, 16th April, 1915. [499]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 23rd April, 1915, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Accounts to 31st December, 1914, and of declaring Dividends, &c. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 13th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board. C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. [484]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 23rd April, 1915, at 12.15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Accounts to 31st December, 1914, and of declaring Dividends, &c. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th April to the 23rd April, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board. C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary. [465]

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWELFTH YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 84, George's Building, at Noon on FRIDAY, the 30th April, 1915, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1914, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th April to the 30th April, 1915, both days inclusive. THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD., W. G. DABY, General Manager. Hongkong, 13th April, 1915. [494]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATES Nos.

2110/2411 for 10 and 25 Shares respectively, numbered 12739/12748 and 35559/35568 inclusive, standing in the register in the joint names of GEORGE ANDREW HASTINGS and JOHN BARHAM CARLISLE, Solicitors, Liverpool and Birmingham, having been LOST or DESTROYED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificates be produced at the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, before the 24th April, 1915, New Certificates for the said Shares will be issued and the Old Certificates will thereafter be held by the Company as Null and Void. GEO. A. CALDWELL, Secretary. Hongkong, 25th March, 1915. [426]

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in respect of all SEASON TICKETS available for Three Months issued on and after 1st May, next, the respective Prices will be as follows:— Gentlemen ... \$36.00 Ladies ... \$18.00 Children ... \$12.00 and that the Price of Season's Punch Tickets available for 20 Rides will be \$1.20. Season Tickets, expiring in April can be extended to April 30th, on same terms pro rata as now in force, but no three-monthly Season Tickets and no Annual Tickets will be issued in April. Notice is further given that on and after 1st May, next, daily return Tickets and Annual Tickets will be abolished. By Order of the Directors, JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 1st April, 1915. [464]

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FOUR ROOM HOUSE, Conduit Road, available about 1st June. Good View of Harbour. Gas, Electric Light, Bells. Moderate Rent. Option of taking over Fittings at Valuation. Apply— "HOUSEHOLDERS," Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 14th April, 1915. [493]

TO LET.

IN ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, VERY CONVENIENT OFFICE and ROOMS, including a Fine Commodious Suite. Apply— A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 23rd October, 1914. [38]

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TO LET, the South-West portion of the FIRST FLOOR, including Treasury on Ground Floor, lately in occupation of the German Bank. GODOWN, No. 3, Lee House Street. Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st March, 1915. [35]

HOUSES TO LET.

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NO. 4, STEWART TERRACE, THE PEAK. Rent \$125. Apply— "X. Y. Z.," Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 16th April, 1915. [503]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in TORRES BUILDINGS, Kimberley Road, Kowloon. Apply to— SPANISH DOMINICAN PROCUROTOR, Hongkong, 15th April, 1915. [501]

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OFFICE in Hotel Mansions. Apply to— HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings. Hongkong, 4th April, 1915. [473]

TO LET.

A HOUSE at Observatory Villas, Kowloon. Apply to— ABBATON V. APCAR & Co. Hongkong, 16th March, 1915. [393]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 24, Praya East. Apply— KWONG SANG HONG, Ltd., No. 248, Des Voeux Road Central. Hongkong, 19th February, 1915. [305]

TO LET—AT THE PEAK.

NO. 2, STEWART TERRACE, Furnished and newly done up. H. E. POLLOCK, Prince's Building. Hongkong, 20th January, 1915. [53]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Kaitford Terrace, Kowloon. Apply— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st March, 1915. [45]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 6, Duddell Street. Apply— A. B. AVASIA, Care of E. PARANBY, No. 1, Duddell Street. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1915. [244]

TO LET.

NO. 169, MAGAZINE GAP, "KENTNELL." No. 169, MAGAZINE GAP, "HARFORD." Apply— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 31st March, 1915. [54]

TO LET.

FLATS in Nathan Road, Kowloon. A FLAT in Humphrey's Buildings, Kowloon. "PENYBRYN" Morden Row, Kowloon, 6-Roomed House with Tennis Court. 2nd MINDEN VILLAS, Kowloon, 5-Roomed House with Tennis Court. POSE-ROOMED HOUSE in Humphrey's Avenue, Gordon Terrace and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon. Apply to— HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., Alexandra Buildings. Hongkong, 20th April, 1915. [230]

TO LET.

HOUSES in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road. OFFICES, facing the Harbour between the Hongkong Club and Post Office. 51, THE PEAK, "THE RETREAT." 21, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD, GODOWNS, New Praya, Kennedy Town. GODOWNS, at Wanchai Road. Apply, etc., THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, 1st April, 1915. [38]

TO LET.

OFFICES in ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, Second Floor, overlooking Harbour immediate possession. Apply to— SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. Hongkong, 3rd December, 1914. [39]

TO LET.

THE GROUND FLOOR of No. 6, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, occupied by Madame Gains, etc. Apply to— DAVID SABSOON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 10th February, 1915. [272]

TO LET.

"BISHOP'S LODGE SOUTH," No. 11, THE PEAK, Unfurnished, 5 Rooms. No. 25, BELLIOS TERRACE, with entrance on Conduit Road. 3 ROOMS, suitable for Offices, 1st Floor, Queen's Road Central. "WESTWARD HO," Bonham Road. "EGGESFORD," Nos. 124, THE PEAK, Unfurnished (6 Rooms), from 1st May, 1915. "MERION," No. 6, THE PEAK, Unfurnished (6 Rooms). ROOMS in BEACONSFIELD and 55, ELGIN TERRACE. "BOGATE," Austin Road, Kowloon. "ELLANDALE," No. 54, Mount Kallett Road. 6 Rooms, unfurnished. No. 2, DES VOEUX VILLAS, 51, PRAY, No. 3, Duddell Street. Floor of No. 3, Duddell Street. No. 69, THE PEAK (5 CAMERON VILLAS). Apply to— LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings. Hongkong 29th March, 1915. [42]

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MARRIAGES.

TRENCH-DULCIE.—On 10th March, at Knightsbridge, CHARLES JOHN, 12 POOR, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES LE POER TRENCH, New York, to HELEN DULCIE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WADE GARDNER, of Eastbourne.

JACKSON-SUMMERS HUNTER.—On 15th March, at Eidsdal, Northumberland, Lieut. RUSSELL JACKSON, son of Sir THOMAS JACKSON, Bart., to KATHLEEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. SUMMERS HUNTER, Tynemouth.

DEATH.

MCADAM.—On the 15th April, at Shanghai, MARY JEANETTE MCADAM.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOEUX ROAD. LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 20th, 1915.

A GERMAN CONDITION OF PEACE.

SURROUNDED as Germany is by an impenetrable "Chinese wall" of shot and steel, it is not surprising that the German agents in neutral countries should now be putting forth tentative proposals as a basis for peace. In this connection the telegram from America which appears among our cables to-day giving the gist of a communication made by Herr DENNBURG (a former German statesman) to a public meeting is not without interest and significance. "A free use of the seas and an outlet for German trade through Belgium could assure peace," he wrote. "Was it necessary to bring the nations of Europe into the maelstrom of the greatest war in history for the mere purpose of assuring Germany the free use of the seas and an outlet for German trade through Belgium?" "No one knows better than Herr DENNBURG, with his experience as a German Colonial Secretary, that the seas always have been as free to Germany as to any other Power in the world for the peaceful purposes of commerce, and, as for the desire for an outlet for German trade through Belgium, it remains to be explained why the ventilation of this ostensibly innocent desire has been delayed until Germany has failed in the attempt to secure this object by the methods of the brigand? Germany by this method has obtained military possession of the chief Belgian port, but that has not secured for her an outlet for her trade," and while British naval supremacy is maintained, it is certain that Germany never will gain this object by right of conquest. It is the firm resolve of both Great Britain and France to drive the German invader from the soil of Belgium; and we may be quite sure that Great Britain will never consent to see Antwerp turned into a German port, with freedom to convert it into a great naval base in pursuance of the policy, now fully revealed, to wrest from Great Britain the naval supremacy she has so long enjoyed, and which it is manifestly of vital interest to her to maintain at all costs. The chief interest of Herr DENNBURG's declaration at the moment is the confirmation it affords of a long-promediated design on Germany's part to absorb the kingdom of Belgium into the German Confederation. It is true, as Herr DENNBURG says, that Belgium has been taken by Germany with the sacrifice of blood—a sacrifice, let us add, which she was not forced to make by any other circumstance than her own policy of aggression. The statement that Belgium cannot be given up while England dominates its policies, can only be regarded as a noteworthy confession of political immorality on the part of Germany. Until the war broke out Great Britain no more dominated the policies of Belgium than did Germany. Both Powers had guaranteed the neutrality of Belgium, and the act that brought Great Britain into the war was the act of Germany in treating that solemn international pledge as a "mere scrap of paper," which when opportunity offered she was free to deliberately disregard. The invasion of Belgium by the forces of Germany was as serious a menace to Great Britain as it was to France, and Germany could not but have known that she was deliberately challenging the British Empire by that promediated act of aggression. There has never been any doubt as to British policy in the matter, not at least since GLADSTONE deplored Italy's participation in the Triple Alliance as "a gigantic piece of political tomfoolery," and declared: "The best and purest principle of the foreign policy of this country (England) is that it has been directed to upholding the independence of the secondary Powers. It is among the virtues of England to cherish a ready indignation against the oppression of the weak; and a just cause for the intervention of England in the next great European struggle is perhaps as likely to proceed from this quarter as from any other." While another source of danger was admitted to lie in the doctrine of the balance of power, a less remote cause as GLADSTONE emphatically put it, and one which made a more legitimate appeal to British feeling than the possible tyranny of some of the great Powers over the rest, was "the spoliation or absorption of smaller Powers," and in particular he mentioned the possible danger to the national existence of Belgium. In saying this Mr. GLADSTONE was not making any strikingly original statement, because the preservation of the national existence of the smaller Powers of Europe had been a pronounced feature of British foreign policy, the governing object of which was the maintenance of peace. For the BETHMANN-HOLLWEG of our time to profess that this was a principle of British policy of which the world had never heard until Sir Edward Grey proclaimed it last August is to assume an ignorance which it is certain never existed in the German chancellery, and it is, indeed, but a mere plea to cover an act of brigandage which the German War Lords calculated that the British and French military power combined was too feeble to prevent. Their design partially succeeded, because neither France nor Great Britain had regarded the German Government as so utterly dead to all sense of national honour as to treat an international treaty, without warning, as a "mere scrap of paper," and they were thus ill-prepared to meet the aggression. But the subsequent history of the war has given Germany a different idea of the possible war strength of both Great Britain and France. The British Empire has placed in the field an army worthy of her place in the world; and the definite purpose of that army, in co-operation with the French and the Belgians, is to expel every hostile soldier from the soil of France and Belgium, and not until that purpose is accomplished can there be any thought of peace.

Many in Hongkong will regret to see in the casualty list published to-day the name of Lieut. A. Collis Browne, of the D.C.L.I., who has been killed in action.

A mail for Europe via Siberia closes to-day at 3 p.m.

We regret to learn that M. Delaunay, formerly of the Banque de Indo-Chine, Hongkong, has been killed in action in France.

The Gymkhana, postponed from Saturday, is announced to take place at Happy Valley to-morrow, commencing at 3.45 p.m.

Albert Morrow, a Scotch entertainer, who styles himself "The Uncanny Scot," has arrived in the Colony to give a series of entertainments at the Bijou Theatre.

Three cases of diphtheria, 3 of enteric fever and 3 of small-pox were reported in the Colony last week. The small-pox and enteric cases proved fatal; as did also two out of the three cases of diphtheria. No case of plague was notified.

A New Zealand paper announces that Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Pisarenko have left Wellington for Japan, via Sydney; on business connected with the Anglo-Oriental Trading Syndicate, formed for the development of trade with the East.

It is reported that the British Minister has detailed Mr. Wilton and Mr. Ross in Kiangsu to make a tour of inspection in the province with the object of reporting the result of efforts made by the Chinese authorities to suppress the cultivation of the opium poppy.

We learn that as Mr. Denman Fuller is himself paying all the expenses of music, printing, etc., in connection with the rendering of the "Last Judgment," at St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday, the collection (£650) will be given intact to the Prince of Wales' Fund.

The Howitt-Phillips Co. at the Theatre Royal last night played the extremely amusing farce, "Those Terrible Twins," which was preceded by Sir Henry Irving's great masterpiece "Waterloo." The Company continue to occupy the Theatre up to Thursday night, and on Saturday and Monday next they play at the Club Theatre in Canton.

M. P. H. Emanuel, a native of Portsmouth, has been gazetted a Lieutenant in the Volunteer Civil Force, co-ordinated with the City of Westminster Volunteers. Lieut. Emanuel was previously a gunner in the Hongkong Volunteer Artillery, and on the outbreak of the war joined as a private in the V.C.F., and has worked his way up by degrees to his present position.

H.M. the King has been graciously pleased to appoint Captain Dudley Graham Johnson, 2nd Battalion, The South Wales Borderers to be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order for conspicuous ability on the night of 5th-6th November, 1914, during the operations against the German positions at Tingtun, and for great gallantry in rescuing several wounded men whilst exposed to heavy machine-gun fire.

Penang, says the Straits Echo, will lose a good, sound, businesslike Judge when Mr. Justice Sercombe Smith (who was for many years in the Hongkong Civil Service) retires in the near future. Cast in quite a different mould from Mr. Justice Thornton and Mr. Justice Fisher, whose old-time courtesy and quiet dignity were reminiscent of the English bench, he has nevertheless (says our Penang contemporary) won the appreciation and esteem both of the Bar and of the public as a painstaking, conscientious judge who got through his cases with despatch and displayed both common-sense and knowledge of the law in his judgments.

DAMAGE BY LIGHTNING ON THE PEAK.

The severe thunderstorm on Saturday last was responsible for serious damage to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moxon, at "Red Hill," Plantation Road, The Peak. The lightning struck a chimney which crashed through the roof of a bedroom, fortunately unoccupied at the moment, and the fire-place was blown out as though a shell had exploded in it. The electric light, gas and water supplies were cut off by the effects of the lightning, which seems to have been focussed around the house. No rain was falling at the time, and this doubtless accounts for the extent of the damage, as rain serves to some extent to mitigate the effects of lightning. Mrs. Moxon and Mrs. Ram were in the house at the time, and the fright the occurrence gave them can be imagined. Fortunately no injury was caused to any person.

Slight damage was also caused at No. 131, Mount Gough, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Watson. A chimney-stack broke and fell onto the roof. There was no external damage, and no one was injured. The electric light and telephone fittings suffered in quite a number of houses on the Peak.

THE WAR.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE IN CARPATHIANS.

SUBSTANTIAL SPOILS.

ITALO-AUSTRIAN NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

BRITISH SUCCESS NEAR YPRES.

GERMAN LINE PENETRATED.

RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUSSIA'S GREAT VICTORY IN THE CARPATHIANS.

Petersburg, April 19th.

An official communiqué has been issued stating:—

After eighteen days' persistent attacks, we captured, by April 16th, the principal chain of the Carpathians on the front Begleitani—Nojessato, a length of seventy miles. Fighting since that date has been in the nature of isolated actions, with the object of consolidating our gains.

We captured, between March 19th and April 12th, 70,000 prisoners, including 800 officers, 30 guns and 200 machine-guns.

Another official communiqué says:—

At the beginning of March (Old Style) the only portion of the principal chain of the Carpathians in possession of the Russians was in the region of the Dukla Pass. All the other Passes were in the hands of the enemy. We decided, before the season of melting snows and had roads arrived, to extend our positions dominating the outlets into the Hungarian Plain. Great Austrian forces, which had concentrated for the purpose of relieving Przemyśl, were then between the Lupkoff and the Uzsok Passes. Our grand attack was planned for this sector.

In order to facilitate a frontal attack over difficult ground, it was decided to make an auxiliary attack in the direction of Bartfield to Lupkoff. This began on March 19th and was completed on the 23rd. The main attack began on March 29th in the direction of Baligrod by enveloping the enemy positions on the west at Lupkoff and to the East at the source of the San. The enemy offered the most desperate resistance, bringing up every available man, including German troops and numerous dismounted cavalry, his effectives on the Bartfield-Uzsok front exceeding 300 battalions.

Notwithstanding this, as well as great natural difficulties, we completed the task by April 5th.

Subsequently the fighting in the Carpathians, concentrated in the direction of Rostok, where the enemy, notwithstanding enormous losses, delivered on the 16th inst., with great forces, sixteen barren attacks on the heights we occupied east of Teleptokha.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMANS ADMIT REVERSES.

IN BELGIUM AND ALSACE.

Amsterdam, April 18th.

A Berlin communiqué admits a British success last night south-east of Ypres. It says:—"After mine explosions the British penetrated our positions on the north of the Canal. The battle continues to be waged around three craters."

The communiqué adds that south-west of Mottetral, in Alsace, the Germans withdrew before superior forces.

COSTLY GERMAN ATTACK.

Paris, April 18th.

To-day's communiqué states:—

After a violent bombardment, a German battalion attacked north-west of Orbey, in Alsace, but was repulsed. The enemy left many dead in front of our trenches, and we made a number of prisoners.

A Belgian aeroplane wrecked a German aeroplane near Roulers. One of our Air Squadrons successfully bombarded an aerodrome in the same region.

FRENCH BAYONET CHARGE.

Paris, April, 19th 2.30 a.m.

The evening communiqué states:—

The day has been comparatively quiet, the operations consisting principally of artillery duels and local infantry actions.

Our artillery arrested a German attack in St. Mard Wood, in the valley of the Aisne. We charged with the bayonet, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

Several weak German attacks in the forest of Parroy, in Lorraine, were easily repulsed.

The Germans in Alsace three times unsuccessfully attacked our trenches at Little Reichackerkopf.

NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH SUBMARINE ASHORE.

London, April 18th.

The Press Bureau states that British submarine E 15, while making a difficult reconnaissance in the Kephaz mine-field, in the Dardanelles, yesterday, ran ashore.

An official Constantinople communiqué says the officers and men were rescued and made prisoners.

STORY AS TOLD TO THE TURKS.

Amsterdam, April 18th.

A Constantinople communiqué says the E 15 has been sunk in the Dardanelles, and that three officers and 21 men of the crew of 31 were rescued and captured, including the former British Vice-Consul at Dardanelles.

THE ATTACK ON A BRITISH TRANSPORT.

HOW THE LOSS OF LIFE OCCURRED.

London, April 19th.

The Admiralty announces that 24 persons were drowned and 27 are missing from the transport *Manitou*. The loss of life was apparently due to the capsizing of two boats.

The *Manitou* itself is undamaged.

BOMBARDMENT OF DARDANELLES RESUMED.

Athens, April, 19th.

The bombardment of the Dardanelles was resumed on Saturday.

A Turkish aeroplane dropped bombs but missed the warships at Tenecode. The aeroplane was pursued by Allied sea planes, but escaped.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GREEK STEAMER TORPEDOED WITHOUT NOTICE.

London, April 18th.

A message from Flushing states that 22 of the crew of the Greek steamer *Ellis Pontos* declare that the vessel was twice torpedoed without warning, westward of Nordhinder last evening. The vessel was empty.

The crew rowed for two and a half hours before they reached Nordhinder. The captain was badly wounded and has been sent to hospital.

BRITISH TRAWLERS ATTACKED BY AEROPLANES.

London, April 18th.

German aeroplanes dropped bombs on two British trawlers and afterwards fired on them. Both attempts were without result.

AIRSHIP ACTIVITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH AERIAL WORK ON THE SUEZ.

London, April 18th.

The Press Bureau issues a message from Cairo which states that three aeroplanes from the Suez Canal reconnoitred on the 15th inst. to El Sirr, 25 miles south of El Arish, effectively dropping nine bombs. About 150 to 200 tents were seen. No enemy's troops are on this side of El Sirr.

The distance flown was over 170 miles.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AUSTRIANS ATTACK ITALIAN TROOPS.

Paris, April 18th.

A telegram from Milan says Austrians on the Italian frontier attacked the 11th Bersaglieri, which repulsed the assailants and followed them two hundred yards into Austrian territory.

There were losses on both sides, which are said to include at least a hundred killed.

The Colonel of the regiment has been ordered to Rome to report the incident.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA.

EFFORTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT FAIL.

Rome, April, 19th.

It is authoritatively announced that, notwithstanding the efforts of the Germans to secure agreement between Italy and Austria, on the lines of territorial concessions, the negotiations have failed.

[A message from Rome on March 18th stated that it was reported that Von Bulow has given Italy assurances that Germany is able to overcome the resistance of Austria and to induce her to cede territory, and give Italy a free hand in Southern Albania, and to further her ambitions in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Von Bulow points out that the marine supremacy there of Great Britain and France will squeeze Italy out.

Italian supporters of the Triple Entente state that the defeat of the Austro-German armies is inevitable, whether Italy participates or not. At the conclusion of peace the separation of Austria from Hungary is expected, leading to the absorption of the Austrian provinces by Germany and the extension of the German dominion to Trieste, which will then be for ever lost to Italy, who will be forced to abandon Valona in Albania and the Aegean Islands.

It is understood in well-informed circles that Italy desires territory in the north-east, and to extend her boundaries at the north end of the Adriatic as far as Fiume, including Pola and the provinces of Trent and Trieste to the Julian Alps, including the province of Gorizia, Istria and the Dalmatian Islands.

Austria is willing to grant territory, including that portion of Lake Garda which lies in Austria, the towns in the river valleys from Chies, eastward of the River Prato, to the Adige Rivers, excluding the Trent.

Austria asks a large sum as compensation for the renunciation of territory inhabited by Italians.

The difference between Italy's demands and Austria's offer is so great that an adjustment is not likely.

RUMOURS DENIED BY MR. CHURCHILL.

London, April 19th.

The First Lord of the Admiralty has issued a statement to the Press denying rumours recently current. Mr. Churchill says: "There has been no Naval action of any kind in the North Sea for the last month, nor any action at the Dardanelles except local bombardment and reconnaissance by single ships. Since March 18th there have been only two or three men hit in the Dardanelles. There has been no loss or injury to French or British ships."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PATRIOTIC IRISH.

RECRUITING PROCEEDING "LIKE A HOUSE AFIRE."

London, April 18th.

Mr. John Dillon, the Nationalist member for East Mayo, speaking at Glasgow, congratulated Irishmen upon their patriotism.

To be neutral to-day, he said, was to be either hostile or a coward.

Recruiting is now proceeding in Ireland like a house on fire.

WHAT GERMANY WANTS.

HERR DERNBURG ON THE PRICE OF PEACE.

Portland, Maine, April 18th.

Herr Dernburg, the German agent, writing to a meeting which he was unable to attend owing to illness, said that peace could be assured by the free use of the seas and an outlet for German trade through Belgium.

He added in a telegram that the only alternative to this was to build a Chinese wall round each nation. The Kaiser was not seeking the acquisition of territory, but German industries must have wider scope.

Belgium had been taken at the sacrifice of much blood and could not be given up while England dominated its policies.

BRITISH DECORATION FOR FRENCH GENERAL.

Paris, April, 19th.

H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, on behalf of the King, has presented General Manoury, who was recently wounded, with the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George.

THE CASUALTY LIST.

London, April 18th.

7.10 p.m.

The latest list of casualties contains the following names:—

Killed.—A. Collis Browne, E. J. F. Johnston, Second-Lieut. C. Vincent (Rifle Brigade), Lieut. W. Whittle (Worcesters), and T. H. H. Wood. Wounded.—G. W. Fraser, H. E. Hake, C. E. Leigh, Brigadier F. S. Maude, W. H. Rogers Station, D. B. Stewart (Artillery).

HEAD OF REUTER'S COMMITS SUICIDE.

London, April 19th.

Reuter's Agency deeply regrets to announce that Baron Herbert von Reuter, Managing Director of Reuter's Agency, was yesterday found lying dead at his residence near Reigate. A revolver which had been discharged was found there, and there appears little or no doubt that the Baron fell by his own hand. He had been greatly overwrought by the sudden death of his wife, to whom he was warmly attached, and whose bed still lies in the house awaiting interment.

[FROM MANILA PAPERS.]

THE LOSS OF AN AMERICAN SUBMARINE.

THE KAISER'S SORROW.

Washington, April 18th.

Captain Boyed, the Naval Attaché at the German Embassy, today transmitted the condolences of Kaiser Wilhelm to Secretary Daniels of the Navy over the loss of the submarine P-4 in Honolulu harbour.

NOTABLE VISITORS TO THE PHILIPPINES.

Honolulu, April 18th.

Representative Fred A. Britten of Illinois and Representative George W. Edmunds of Pennsylvania were among the passengers who left here today on the transport *Sherman* for Manila. Representative William A. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Insular Affairs, was unable to make the trip.

Both Representatives Britten and Edmunds are Republicans. [The *Sherman* is due in Manila on May 4th. Two members of the Committee on Insular Affairs, Representatives Towner and Garrett, are also coming to the Philippines, and it is believed that they will arrive at some later date.]

QUEEN OF SPAIN IN ALGERIAS.

Barcelona, April 18th.

The Queen of Spain has left on a trip to Algerias on a visit to her brother, the Prince of Battenberg. The President of the Council of Ministers, Sr. Dato, has arrived in Barcelona to attend the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the charitable institution known as La Salud, destined for the use of working people.

LURONG COMMENDED.

Charged with participating in an armed robbery at Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on December 5, and threatening with a loaded revolver a lukong who arrested him on March 16 this year, a man named Chan Shing appear at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. P. M. Hodgson), prosecuting, informed the jury that the question for them to decide would be mainly a matter of identification. The robbery was committed at 5, Shanghai Street, occupied by a shop manager, an accountant and others, on December 5, and among the articles stolen was a revolver, stamped with a licence number. Prisoner was not arrested till three or four months later, and he threatened the lukong who apprehended him with the very revolver that was stolen, and but for the officer's quickness would undoubtedly have shot him, as the weapon was loaded in all five chambers. Prisoner was picked out from a row of ten men at the police station by both the shop manager and the accountant as being one of the robbers, and it was principally upon this evidence that the charge of robbery rested.

The jury found the prisoner guilty of both charges and he was sentenced to seventeen years' imprisonment—fifteen years' and twelve strokes with the cat on the first charge, and two years' on the second.

His Lordship commended the lukong who arrested the prisoner to the notice of the police authorities for his bravery in tackling the man when threatened with a revolver.

THE "MINNESOTA'S" PASSENGERS.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, as agents in Hongkong of the Great Northern Steamship Co. inform us in reference to the recent accident to the "*Minnesota*" that cable advice has reached them that about half the number of the *Minnesota's* cabin passengers were transferred to the s.s. *Manchuria*, the balance to the *Tenyo Maru*, and the steerage passengers to the s.s. *Tamba Maru*.

ROBBERS' DEVICE.

Four Chinese were charged before Mr. Justice Hazland at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with assaulting a woman with intent to rob.

The jury were as follows:—Messrs. Philip Plag (foreman), C. E. dos Remedios, J. Gardner, A. Curreen, A. A. Gutierrez, R. S. Judah, and J. Turner.

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp) told the jury that on the evening of the 28th March a knock came at the door of the complainant's flat, in Wellington Street. The door was opened, and the first prisoner came in. He was followed by a second man, while there were others outside. The first man said he had brought a letter. He did not, however, produce a letter, and upon the woman asking him what he was doing there, he immediately seized and struck her, forced her into a cubicle, pressed her down, and gagged her with a towel. The alarm was raised, and the robbers became frightened and ran away. The first prisoner was caught running down the stairs, and the other prisoners were arrested the same evening at a house in Hing Wan Street. When the police arrived they attempted to escape. The fourth prisoner jumped down over a partition, and reached the kitchen, but he was there captured.

The jury unanimously found the first, third, and fourth prisoners guilty; and by a majority of six to one they also found the second prisoner guilty.

His Lordship remarked that it was a very bad case.

The Attorney-General agreed, and said the case was especially bad against the first defendant, who was directly responsible for the assault.

His Lordship sentenced prisoners to seven years' hard labour, with twelve strokes of the "cat."

The first prisoner, on hearing the sentence, exclaimed "I would rather your Lordship sentenced me to be hanged. I want to die."

On 4th ult. the launch took place at South Shields of a passenger and cargo steamer built to the order of the P. and O. S. N. Company for their local requirements at Singapore. The vessel is 220ft. in length by 35 ft. beam by 22 ft. deep to the shade deck, and has been specially built and fitted for service in tropical waters. Accommodation for a limited number of passengers, together with a handsome saloon and bathrooms, are provided on the shade deck amidships. The crew are berthed forward and the natives in the shade deck aft. The machinery, which is of the vertical triple surface condensing type, will be supplied from Shields, the cylinders being 17, 29, and 47 in. by 30 in. stroke. The launching ceremony was performed by Mr. E. W. Glover, of London, the vessel being named the *Nata Hari* (Eye of the Day).

ON DOING NOTHING.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE CHINESE.

A leading article in a recent issue of

The Times says: "Correspondent, writing upon the need for continuous effort in war, speaks of the decision to do nothing that decision which is easiest of all. It is easiest, not only in war, but in all things. People do nothing because they cannot make up their minds what to do. They try to avoid a decision and yet they must decide to do nothing before they do it. In fact, doing nothing is 'doing something,' and for those who do nothing because they do not know what to do, it is usually the wrong thing. They are afraid of making a mistake, and that very fear leads them to make one—a negative mistake, which is as bad as a positive, or worse. If you do nothing too long, you are at last forced to do something; and then you are always because it is forced upon you. You have lost the initiative, which is as valuable in ordinary life as in war; and circumstances themselves take the offensive against you and compel you to obey them. There are some people who submit all their lives to this offensive; they are always improvising a hasty defensive. Though their one desire is to do nothing, they never can rest from trying to repair the mischief of their own inaction; and in the end they labour more than those who are beforehand with circumstances, as an army in incessant retreat is tired more than the army that presses upon it. It has often been noticed that the people who never get anything done are always the busiest. They have no time to answer letters or keep appointments. The mere thought of their arrears paralyzes them so that they do not know which neglected task to do first; whereas men who do so much that it is a wonder how they find time to do it all always seem to have leisure. They can put their work always from them at any time, since they are always beforehand with it; and often they seem to themselves idlers because they can afford to do nothing whenever they choose."

The Chinese have a whole philosophy of doing nothing, according to which to do nothing is the way to do everything. It is a kind of *ju-jitsu* of life by which you make circumstances fall out as you wish by offering no resistance to them. But this *ju-jitsu*, like the other, needs great skill. It is a mastery of inactivity that must not be confused with the inaction caused by not knowing what to do. It is the inactivity of the advocate who knows when the other side is winning his case for him. The Chinese quietest never allows himself to be forced into action, because his settled aim in life is to lie in such a way that a minimum of action will be required from him. He does nothing on principle; not because he is afraid of doing something nor because he is lazy, but because he prefers the inner life of the mind to the outer life of satisfying bodily wants. He has no idea of offence, and no fear of being forced into a defensive, because he is not at war with circumstances, but at peace. He looks at the incessant activities of men, and sees that they are caused by their incessant wants. His principle is to want nothing, not from asceticism or from a belief that God prefers man to be miserable, but because there is no end to wants if you try to satisfy them; and, according to his view of life, men are happy not in satisfying their wants but in having none. We sometimes hear this view of life preached, rather platonically, in Europe, but we none of us take it seriously except perhaps in the first bitterness of some disappointment. Our whole scale of values, all our ways of thinking, are based upon the belief that men must be at war with circumstances until they submit to the peace of old age. We do not respect a man, or should not if ever we met him, whose aim, in the vigour of life, is to demand nothing of circumstances so that he may be at peace with them. In China such a man is holy, or at least highly respected for his sense. In England he would be called a tramp if poor, or a dilettante if well-to-do.

And yet the Chinese are not less industrious than we are; only they recognize the art of doing nothing, and among them a man may practise it and be respected. But the farther West you go, the more it is assumed that if a man has nothing it is because he does not know how to get it, not because he is practising the art of doing nothing. And in the West that assumption is usually true; no man would be poor if he could help it, and poverty therefore is despised among us as a sign of incompetence. Whenever we choose to go without things we call it self-denial, as if it were the essential part of a man that he should want. But to a Chinese quietist it is not self-denial at all, but self-liberation. He would deny himself, if he set himself tasks to satisfy his bodily wants; and to him we, with our Western activity, seem to live in a vicious circle, like the swallows which fly about all day because they have always an appetite for flies, and which have always an appetite because they fly about all day. The philosophic Chinaman sees that there is no way out of this vicious circle except to learn the art of doing nothing; but he is as unlikely to teach it to us as the swallows.

During a debate on the Indemnity Bill in the South Africa Parliament, Sir Thomas Smart pointed out that a German educational campaign had been going on for some time in the Cape Provinces, and read a letter from the German Consul in Cape Town to a teacher enclosing 210 for the teacher's efforts to foster Germanism.

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